

**EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
September 2, 2008**

On Tuesday, September 2, 2008, the Edgefield County Council held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P. M. in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield.

**Members present**

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman  
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman  
Norman Dorn, Councilman  
Joel D. Hudson, Councilman  
B. Everette Kitchens, Councilman

**Others present**

John W. Pettigrew, Jr., County Administrator  
John F. Byrd, Jr., County Attorney  
Lynn W. Strom, Finance/Budget Manager  
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council  
and others as per list attached

Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Councilman Hudson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of September 2, 2008, Agenda**

Chairman Kneece asked for a motion to approve the September 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda along with the exclusion of Resolution No. 08-09-308, postponing consideration of the Resolution until the October meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Edgefield County Council and the August 12, 2008, Called Meeting, was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Kitchens. Motions carried unanimously.

**Reports**

No comments.

**Ordinances**

Third and final reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-599 "An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting Supplement to the Code of Ordinances fore Edgefield County, SC." was approved by a motion made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Kitchens. Motion carried unanimously.

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Before a motion was called for on first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-601, “An Ordinance Providing for a Lease and Agreement Between Edgefield County and John Moore, Dick Murphy and Mark DuPont for Approximately One Acre of Land with Improvements Consisting of a Metal Aircraft Hangar Building Located at the Trenton Airport”, Mark DuPont was recognized to address council.

Mr. DuPont stated that he, John Moore, and Dick Murphy share a hangar at the Edgefield County Airport, he since April 1990, John Moore since 1988 and Dick Murphy since 1993. They purchased the hangar from the original constructor of the hangar and have been maintaining and storing their aircraft since that time.

After Plane Fun leased the airport and built additional hangars (leasing primarily to ultra lite owners), all the while maintaining the airport, Moore, DuPont, and Murphy came to council around 2003-04 time frame. The Plane Fun’s lease was being reviewed at that time. They asked council at that time that their one acre be separated from Plane Fun and council did agree to that request so that is how the lease was set up with Plane Fun.

The one-acre hangar lease (Moore, DuPont and Murphy) is coming up for renewal October 1, 2008, and Mr. DuPont stated they would like to renew their lease for whatever period council sees fit – which he understood council was considering the same length of time as Plane Fun’s lease 21 years). They previously presented to council a rate they considered to be fair and equitable. They would like to have an arrangement with Edgefield County because we know the county will be here and Plane Fun could change. The county could decide what portion, if any, to give to Plane Fun.

Councilman Hudson made the motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-601 for lease payment to go to Plane Fun, Inc. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dorn. Motion did not carry – two councilmen opposed – tie 2-2. Chairman Kneece said he would have to vote on this too because he felt the lease/agreement was not drawn up fair and should be drawn a little differently – shorter lease maybe. Died for a lack of a **motion (majority)**.

Councilman Kitchens made the motion that the lease should be terminated at the end of five years and re-negotiated and lease to a corporation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bright, Councilman Hudson opposing and Councilman Dorn abstaining, Kneece voting yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 08-09-308, “A Resolution to Restrict the Use of All Tobacco Products at Al County Recreation Facilities”. (**postponed until October meeting**)



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**No Old Business.**

**Administrator's Report**

The administrator reminded everyone of the Alliance Meeting to be held September 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM at Piedmont Tech instead of Pine Ridge Country Club. Turner Simkins, a developer from Augusta, will be the speaker. He has done a lot of development in the area, the most recently being the Hammond Ferry Project in North Augusta on the river.

Palmetto Leadership Program is looking to fill positions in classes that are being held. They have been doing classes periodically every three or four years for the last twelve years. Anyone who would like to get involved and learn more about how various levels of government work and the different committees you can be involved in would benefit from this program. It is sponsored by Clemson Extension and anyone interested should contact Ernie Church before September 15<sup>th</sup>.

County Recreation Program is well on the way. This year, 275 have signed up for football, as opposed to 225 last year. Sign-up continue through this week. Fall soccer is running about the same pace as last year.

**Guests.**

Linda and Johnny Anderson, Plane Fun, addressed council. Linda presented copies of the ***Governor's Proclamation*** to council proclaiming October 5-10, 2008 as ***Aviation Week***, as well as copies of concerns of the proposed lease agreement (Ord. No. 08-09-601) (lease that expires Oct. , 2008 on the one acre).

Looking at the expenses involved in maintaining the airport, Linda explained, it is not just in keeping the runways cleared. The monies that come in from the rented hangar spaces are what directly help take care of the expenses for the running of the entire airport. The Trenton Flyers and the tenants do contribute. A good many of them have been there during the 14 years that Plane Fun has been there at no cost to the county.

**No comments from the public.**

Councilman Dorn referred to the ten-dollar road maintenance fee council passed within the last few years. Because of the increase of vehicles within the county since the ordinance was passed, he wanted to know how much the \$10.00 fee has brought in particularly within the last reporting period. Mrs. Strom stated they had budgeted around \$225,000.00 but she will get the exact figures for him. Mr. Dorn wanted to know how that figured into the equipment that has been purchased for the road department. (Lynn will get a full report for Mr. Dorn).

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**Claims approved:**

<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>7//28/08 thru 8/10/08</b>	
Regular.....		\$224,605.77

<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>8/11/08 thru 8/24/08</b>	
Regular.....		\$222,147.36
Poll Workers.....		\$1,150.00
<b>General Operating.....</b>		<b>\$496,633.19</b>

**No Executive Session**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Dorn. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7, 2008, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter St., Edgefield.

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Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council

